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Cindy Marr from Second Home Pet Boarding in Stevensville and her golden retriever Marty at the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce's annual trade show last Thursday. Go to page 10 for more coverage of the event.

Kim Craitor resigns

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Saying he has to put his health and family first, Niagara Falls MPP Kim Craitor has announced he is retiring from politics.



Kim Craitor

Craitor's resignation took effect at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

The news came two days after his 67th birthday and six days shy of his 10th anniversary in politics.

A press release issued by Ron Planché, Liberal sup-
porter and Craitor's former executive assistant, said Craitor was not expected to be available for interviews and directed all media calls to Karen Gansel, president of the Niagara Falls Provincial Liberal Party.

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Fort Erie's former chief administrative officer Harry Schlange, left, with Mayor Doug Martin in 2011. Schlange left his post in Fort Erie for a job in the Ottawa area but is returning to Niagara as the region's chief administrative officer.

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Schlange headed back to Niagara

Jeff Bollichowski
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ment spelled a new take on how the Region could work.

"I think there's an opportunity to breathe some new life," said Lincoln Coun. Mark Bylma, who sat on the eight-councillor committee which recommended hiring the 55-year-old Schlange.

Councillors were largely optimistic about newly-appointed chief administrative officer Harry Schlange, who will start the job Oct. 28. For some councillors, his appoint-

council meeting, which ran 21/2 hours.

Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati, also on the hiring committee, said Schlange arrived with "quite a large action plan in his first interview" and impressed councilors.

"This is a deliberate agenda of what's going to move the Region forward. And I think we definitely need an about-face," Diodati said.

He welcomed Schlange's belief the Region should support the 12 Niagara municipalities and called Schlange "an agent of change."

Pelham Coun. Brian Bayt said managing the Region will be a big job for Schlange, who is outgoing CAO of Loyalist Township, a municipality of 15,000 people with a seven-member council.

"It's a case where (he's) extremely positive in his outreach," Bayt said. "Energetic, enthusiastic are words that come to mind in terms of his approach to things."

St. Catharines Coun. Tim Rigby said he has no issue with Schlange.



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Claire Harris, left, and Carol Stewart-Kirkby with McDonald's owner Peter Patterson at the United Way's Fort Erie kickoff last week.



United Way kickoff

The United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie held its local campaign kickoff last week at McDonald's. The restaurant's owner allowed for 15% of sales throughout the day of Sept. 18 to benefit the United Way and \$1,000 was raised for the campaign.

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Fort Erie Secondary School hospitality and tourism students Kyra Foster, left, Michelle Corry, Zoe Hodgetts, Whitney Cloutier, Cara Ramage, Rykelle Barber, Rebecca Tobey, Katherine Davies and Josee Gilbert.

Students back in the kitchen

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Pomegranate Restaurant at Fort Erie Secondary School's recipe for education will be enjoyed by the community again very soon.

For six years, the high school's hospitality and tourism high-skills major class has allowed students to develop their knowledge of all things culinary and skills in the kitchen with a hands-on approach.

Every Wednesday for most of the academic year, students prepare a four-course meal for members of the public and teacher Alshin Keyvan says results are already being made, even though the weekly feast doesn't begin until Oct. 2.



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by Niles Hiller, M.D., Sc.

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Support from community already pouring in

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He said some groups and individuals have already booked tables for November December and even April 2014.

"That shows people are really interested," said Keyvani.

For a fair price of \$16, people are thrilled to support the program and be a part of the education process for the young adults who prepare

with plenty of interest.

But he said some are a bit nervous before opening night.

"Hopefully in the first few weeks, they'll get rid of the jitters," said Keyvani.

But there will be plenty of opportunity to hone their skills with a few upcoming events outside of the weekly services at FEES.

On Oct. 12 the program's students will be at the farmer's market in Ridgeway and on Oct. 18 will prepare food for guests of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce's Business Excellence Awards.

"It's a busy season already," said Keyvani.

Another project the students in the program are cooking up is a food drive and fundraiser for Community Outreach Program Erie by selling coffee to students and collecting non-perishable food items.

One of the initiative's coordinators is student Michelle Cory, who said the timing is appropriate considering Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner.

"I know very soon is when they need the most support," she said.

"We want to pitch in whatever we can," she added.

Keyvani said the students have been quite enthusiastic about the food drive and says it's rewarding to see them be proud of helping others.

"Compassion is very important," he said.

To make a reservation for the Pomegranate Restaurant, call 905-871-4610.

“They know the kids are benefitting from it, that’s the key aspect of it.”

— Afshin Keyvani

and serve the food under his guidance, Keyvani said.

"They know the kids are benefitting from it, that's the key aspect of it."

By the time his students reach the end of the program, many of them are seasoned chefs who have decided to pursue culinary arts at the post-secondary level.

With a new batch graduating every year and another one moving into the kitchen at the school, he says the students seem to learn quickly

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to faithful reader Dianne Flake for calling in about our Do You Remember feature two weeks in a row! Dianne checked both with her sister and their FESES yearbook to identify all of the students in last week's photo. They were the executive committee of the Fort Erie Senior Elementary School student council for the 1981-82 school year.

These Grade 7 and 8 students were, from left to right: Kent Gregory, treasurer; Shayne Chesney, president; Lynette MacDonald, secretary; and Cara Pike, vice-president.

Do you remember any of the players in this week's photo of a dart league? If you can tell us anything about this photo, please call 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca

Craitor one of the few nice guys left



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebook

Kim Craitor's announcement on Tuesday came as a shock to all of Niagara.

I was more than half-way through putting together this week's issue when the news

broke and my first reaction definitely was panic because I knew this was a massive story that we needed to get into print and I only had a couple hours to make the necessary adjustments for our readers.

You're reading this now, so I guess that means I was able to get it in on time, with about two hours before deadline.

My second reaction was that I wish Kim

Craitor all the best in his life.

I'm not going to talk about politics in this column, which some might find strange because the focal point is a politician.

Craitor was often dubbed as the "nice guy" of Niagara politics and that's about as accurate of a statement I can think of to describe him.

He was sometimes criticized for being "too nice" in the political

arena, but my guess is that is what won him enough votes for three consecutive elections.

Kim was the type of guy that I would see on many occasions at community events and press conferences.

If we both had enough time, casual conversation often ensued once I was done "interviewing" him or "getting the quotes" I needed for my story.

I've been at the Fort Erie Times for almost

seven years and Craitor is the only MPP for this riding I've had to communicate with on a regular basis.

I honestly can't recall one situation where he spoke negatively about another candidate or party.

He only spoke about his own priorities and what he could or couldn't do for the people he represented.

In my opinion, he's one of the few politicians I've ever dealt

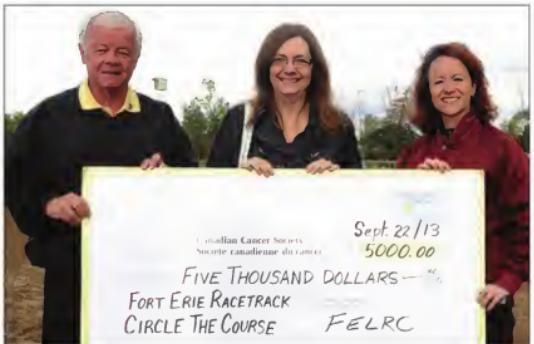
with that didn't point the finger at other people and at the same time, wasn't ever afraid to admit he was unsuccessful in his own political attempts.

It is still unclear what the primary reason is for his departure, but his press release did say his health and family comes first.

I truly hope he enjoys his time away from the political scene and wish him all the best in the future.

opinion page

Right on track



Angela Daley, middle, from the Canadian Cancer Society accepts a cheque from Rick Cowan and Elissa Blowe from the Fort Erie Race Track after \$5,000 was raised at the annual Circle the Course event.

Buzzing from championship



Submitted

The Fort Erie Sting U 13 girls travel team, won the Niagara Regional Girls Soccer League (NRGL) Championship. In the playoffs they beat Port Colborne 3-1, and Niagara United 4-1. Championship finals day was held on Sept. 14 and was played at a neutral site in Welland. The girls beat the Wizards 3-0 in the Championship game. The team played a strong possession game and dominated throughout the game. The coaches and players would like to thank parents and everyone for their support this year and look forward to defending their championship next year. In the front row from left to right are Mary-Kate Pasincky, Hannah Pontello, Alison Eberly, Taylor Doyle, Grace Pollard, Payton Midgley, Katie Young. In the middle row are Carlie Piques, Adeline Willett, Caitlyn Hamm, Erika Reddon, Olivia Galas. In the back row are Coach Bill Pontello, Coach Matt Galas, Keturah Balabeyekkubo, Ashlyn Kells, Cassidy Desmarais, Emily Teasdale, Hannah Muileboom, Coach Mike Giampaolo.

Talk to your doctor about treating fragile bones

Dear Editor,

What causes the holes in Swiss cheese? I'm sure the Swiss know the answer but I don't.

I do know what makes holes in bones, causing osteoporosis. Today millions of North Americans are taking prescription drugs to treat this devastating disease. But there's a safer, natural remedy, BioSil, to prevent "holes" bones.

The figures are frightening. Studies show that one in four women and one in eight men over age 50 have osteoporosis. And with an aging population we can expect more cases in the years ahead.

Who develops this crippling disease depends on several factors. Genetics plays a role. So does being thin, small-boned and of white or Asian ancestry. Smokers, those who take three or more alcoholic drinks a day and patients who require corticosteroids to treat asthma or arthritis are at increased risk.

Osteoporosis results in fractures of the spine, hip and wrist. A fracture can occur from a forceful hug, or a sneeze can suddenly break a rib. Osteoporosis can result in chronic pain or life in a wheelchair.

Professor T.D. Spector, a leading bone researcher of St.Thomas Hospital in London, England, reported at the 27th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research that low dose choline-stabilized orthosilicic acid (ch-OSA), a form of silicon, plays a major role in building strong bones.

In his study 184 women with either osteopenia (early osteoporosis) or osteoporosis were divided into four groups. They were all prescribed a daily supplement of 1,000 mg of elemental calcium and 800 IU of vitamin D. But three of the four groups were also given daily amounts of either three, six or 12 drops of choline-stabilized orthosilicic acid.

Spector reports that after 12 months the women taking six and 12 drops of ch-OSA showed significant changes in bone formation, particularly the hip bone. This and other studies show a

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We know ch-OSA builds and maintains strong bones by depositing calcium and phosphate into bone. Equally important however, ch-OSA triggers collagen formation, the fibrous protein which provides support for bone structures. It's like the steel girders that keep buildings from collapsing.

Adequate amounts of collagen-generating orthosilicic acid are also required for other tissues, but as we age levels decrease. For instance, the elderly aorta, the largest artery in the body, contains only 15% silicon of that of a child. Losing framework of the aorta may be one reason for the aortic aneurysm that ruptures, causing death.

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Pound for pound, natural remedies are safer than prescription drugs. So I believe it's prudent to first consider a natural remedy.

But only your own doctor must make this decision for you.

Dr. Gifford Jones

Caledon woman wins \$1.8 million at Fallsview Casino

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency Niagara

She saw the Michael Jackson slot machine and knew she wanted to beat it.

Caledon resident Kathryn Stokes won \$1.8 million at Fallsview Casino in Niagara Falls playing a Jackson-themed slot machine Tuesday afternoon.

"It's unbelievable," said the 55-year-old. "This is only my second visit to Fallsview Casino. I chose

this machine because I love Michael Jackson's music and I was lucky to win a few hundred dollars the first time I played. This time I put in only

\$60."

Stokes played the casino's Michael Jackson The King of Pop machine for about an hour before earning herself a jackpot of \$1,862,447.25.

Stokes, who works in administration with the Peel Regional Police in Brampton, said she's not a gambler, but decided to tag along with her friend and a legion in Woodbridge, which was making a trip to the casino.

"Huge," she said when asked if she's a Jackson fan. "That's what drew me to it."

Stokes said she's still trying to process the big

win and is not entirely sure what she wants to do with the money.

"I have no idea at the moment. I'm looking at a brand-new car."

Niagara Casinos president Art Frank said it's exciting for a big resort casino such as Fallsview to see such a win.

"The thrill of playing a slot machine is that you just never know how the next spin will settle out," he said. "Today was clearly Ms. Stokes' lucky day."

The largest payout to date at Niagara Casinos was on February 14, 2002, when Doris Wende of North Tonawanda won \$6.6 million.



HARRY ROSETTANI Special to Fort Erie Times
Kathryn Stokes, from Caledon, Ont., leaves Niagara Fallsview Casino Resort with \$1.8 million after hitting the jackpot on a Michael Jackson-themed slot machine last Tuesday.

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"He may not have been my first choice, but that's certainly up to the committee," he said.

He voted against the hire, but said it was because of issues with the process and because council did not get to address other issues involved.

"This is a very large nut to crack," Rigby said of running the Region. "I don't think [Schlange] had that experience in the public sector with the size of region that we are, but it would appear in the private sector that he did."

St. Catharines Coun. Brian Heit touted Schlange as a fresh set of eyes.

"Obviously he's up there for change," he said.

But he was leery of Schlange's job history. He has worked at the Region, the Town of Fort Erie, Loyalist Township, IBM, General Motors, NorTEL Networks, PricewaterhouseCoopers and an Ottawa-area laboratory group.

The fact that someone

worked at a whole bunch of different jobs is somewhat of a red flag," Heit said.

Nevertheless, "someone

from outside is always a good idea. You don't always hire from within."

Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin, who employed

Schlange as his CAO for about six years, was eager to see him back.

"I'd expect him to be

aggressive at moving the Region forward. That's what he did with the Town," he said.

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New brand of loganberry syrup on local shelves

Kris Dubé
Editor

A tasty drink often associated with Crystal Beach

and Western New York is back on local shelves with a new brand.

Less than a month ago, the Crystal Beach Bottling Company's operations

went into full swing and have been producing loganberry syrup in mass quantities since.

Bob Steckley, who also sits on Fort Erie's town

council, has undertaken this venture to compliment his Crystal Beach Candy Company that he founded back in 2001.

For many years, a company called Cronfels' has dominated the Canadian loganberry market, but its recipe is much different and tastes much more like the original loganberry.

Over the last few weeks, Steckley says the orders

have been pouring in from several local stores and restaurants, along with requests from California, Alberta and Florida.

He says other versions of the syrup are made with 100% artificial flavours but his recipe is much different and tastes much more like the original loganberry.

Many people associate with the glory days of the

Crystal Beach Amusement Park.

He said using artificial flavours would cost him \$100 less per batch, but that's not an approach he wants to take.

His version of the syrup is made from 98% natural flavours.

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Bob Steckley bottling some of his loganberry syrup at one of his local shops last week.

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Fort Erie Family Centre holding monthly events for local youth

There's a new organization in town that will focus on families with young children.

The Fort Erie Family Centre was started under the direction of Early Years Niagara through the Community Integration Leader project.

Funding will be received to conduct research later from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and Ministry of Education.

The new committee then secured additional funding

through a Niagara Prosperity Initiative grant to go beyond research and actually operationalize this site as a Family Centre.

"Many organizations are committed to working together to best serve the families of Fort Erie, either at the centre, or by connecting families to the right organizations to get the services they may need," said chair Shirley Condiner.

The Family Centre will be a welcoming, inclusive place for all families to go with

their children to learn, play and grow. Even though the Family Centre will be at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School, children do not have to attend a certain school or any school in order to visit the Fort Erie Family Centre, we welcome all families with children aged 0-12 years."

Starting on Oct. 21,

the Fort Erie

Family Centre will be offering cooking classes, literacy and parenting supports,

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Products keep memories of Crystal Beach park alive

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prefer the syrup made by the Crystal Beach Bottling Company.

"I'd rather put out a better product and make a little less profit from it," said Steckley.

Although considered slightly obscure, a logberry is a real fruit that is a hybrid of a blackberry and raspberry, primarily grown in British Columbia and California.

When Steckley brings his mobile business to var-



We're just trying to keep up with the demand right now."

—Bob Steckley

ious food festivals in Niagara and other parts of the province, two of his best-sellers are his suckers and sugar waffles, inspired

by the Crystal Beach Amusement Park. He said this new product will strike another chord with people who either

lived in Crystal Beach or visited regularly at some point in their life.

"We're already keeping the memories alive with those products so this is a nice fit," said Steckley.

He said since officially putting the new brand of logberry syrup on the market, the response has been phenomenal and that it is certainly keeping himself and his staff very busy.

"We're just trying to keep up with the demand right now," said Steckley.

The product is available in one-litre and four-litre containers and is already for sale at Joe's Valu-Mart, various Avondale stores, Avon Mart and several local eateries.

For more information, you can call 905-871-7912 or send an email to crystalbeachcandy.com

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Heritage Arts Day

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At the recent Heritage Arts Day at the Fort Erie Race Track, tributes were paid to Tom Kays, Elsie Tartaglia and Samuel Johnston. The annual event is organized by the Fort Erie Heritage Arts Legacy, a group that promotes the rich sports history throughout Greater Fort Erie. They want to thank many people, including Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular for his support over the years.

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**THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE
TENDER FOR HIGH STREET SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS
CONTRACT NO. ISE-13T-HIGH10**

Sealed tenders clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Municipal Centre, Fort Erie, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME on:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013

Commencing immediately afterwards on the above date, tenders will be opened publicly at the Fort Erie Town Hall Meeting Room No. 3.

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- The replacement of approximately 350m of 225mm (9") sanitary sewer with a new 250mm sewer on High Street, between Berlin Street and Queen Street, including all associated manholes, service lateral connections.
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- Road reconstruction on High Street, between Berlin Street and Queen Street complete with excavation, granular concrete curb and gutter, new sidewalks, asphalt and restoration.

All Town of Fort Erie formal competitive bid opportunities, issued by the Purchasing Services Division, are posted on Bidding.com and organized by commodity.

If a hard copy is required, tender documents may be picked up at the Town Hall, Engineering Division, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6, commencing Tuesday, September 24, 2013 on payment of twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$28.25) non-refundable cash or cheque payable to the Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie.

As of Tuesday, September 24, 2013, Tender Documents may be viewed at the Town of Fort Erie Infrastructure Services Department, Engineering Division and at the Niagara Construction Association, 34 Scott Street, St. Catharines, Ontario.

The Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE

**NOTICE - 2014 BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE
ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 SECTION 291**

Notice is hereby given of Council's intention to hold meetings for the 2014 budget in Council Chambers beginning at 5:30 pm on the following dates:

COUNCIL IN-BUDGET-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting #1 - Wednesday November 6, 2013 - Capital Budget & Forecast

Meeting #2 - Wednesday December 4, 2013 - Water & Wastewater Budget

Meeting #3 - Wednesday January 8, 2014 - EDTC Budget

Meeting #4 - Wednesday January 15, 2014 - Library Budget

Meeting #5 - Wednesday January 29, 2014 - General Levy Budget

Meeting #6 - Wednesday February 12, 2014 - (If Required)

All Council-in-Budget Committee meetings are open to the public.

BUDGET BY-LAW DATES

Monday January 13, 2014 - Capital Budget By-Law
- Water and Wastewater Budget and Rates By-Law

Wednesday February 19, 2014 - General Levy Budget By-Law

Monday February 24, 2014 - General Levy Budget By-Law (If Meeting #6 is required)

*All meeting times subject to change



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Fort Erie's Finest SURVEY



Deadline for entries is Friday, October 15, 2013. Once you've filled in your selections for Fort Erie's Finest, please tear out page and mail or drop off to The Fort Erie Times, 450 Garrison Rd., Unit #1, Fort Erie L2A 1N2.

No facsmiles accepted. Emails with "My Vote" in subject line to myrrobertson@summedia.ca by midnight October 15th.

Only categories listed will be considered for awards

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Selection	
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Auto Repair Shop	
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Dry Cleaners	
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Golf Course	
Hairstylist	
Heating/Air Conditioning	
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Specialty Cakes	
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Town of Fort Erie and Mayor Doug Martin

Province of Ontario and local MPP Kim Craitor



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This is directed at the woman who came to a local senior care home fundraiser and walked out with more items than you paid for. You know who you are and should be ashamed of yourself. If you were seen it would you only had to ask.

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Niagara school boards top of the class

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OMI Agency Niagara

Niagara's two main school boards have generally topped provincial standards in results released Wednesday.

But as in the provincial results, math continues as a downward trend for some Niagara categories.

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) released assessments for all school boards for Grade 3 and 6 and result in reading, writing and

mathematics.

Data from standardized testing for 2012-13 revealed the Niagara Catholic District School Board did especially well, with its results generally comfortably above the province average.

Overall, the District School Board of Niagara and the Niagara Catholic District School Board exceeded the provincial average of students meeting the provincial standards in 10 of the 12 assessments EQAO makes.

Gains were also made in almost all categories, compared to last year's results.

"We're pleased with the EQAO results as a snapshot of student achievement," said Catholic board education director John Crocco. The board scored above the provincial average in all categories.

Crocco pointed to "continued targeted priorities" over the year that focus on areas like learning to read and developing numeracy skills.

It has resulted in the continued improvement in six out of the six areas for primary and junior assessment," he said.

Math results are proving an ongoing concern across many provincial school boards, with Grade 6 results sliding six percentage points overall in five years.

Grade 6 results for math at the DSBN fell notably short, with 51% at or above the provincial standard, compared to an Ontario board average of 57%. For that board it represents a steady drop from 62% seen in that grade in 2008-2009.

It scored above the provincial average, however in four of six categories.

Year-over-year gains for math were made only in the Catholic board's Grade 6 results, which was eight percentage points higher than the provincial average.

"Overall, we're very proud of the results," said DSBN superintendent John Dickson. "There's definitely an upward trend, particularly with our literacy."

Dickson said his board is tackling the math issue head on. Its Grade 3 math scores have remained relatively stable, and roughly at the provincial average over five years.

"There is some work to be done in mathematics for sure," he said.

Dickson said here, a number of efforts are at play, including a focus on math through a school Dreambox software program and the extension of a math "Homework Help" program. The board is also looking at teacher professional-development initiatives.

Both major boards also caution that their EQAO data is just once piece of information among ongoing assessments through the year to measure their students' performance.

For the French public Collège Viamonde board, which covers Niagara, the Grade 3 results were five to six percentage points less than the French board average in Ontario.

Its Grade 6 figures were mostly slightly above the province's French results.

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Lynda Finbow, owner of Split Rock Farms, bottle feeds three-month-old Tennessee Honey.

A day on the alpaca farm

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

"The alpaca is the oldest livestock, but not many people know about them," said Lynda Finbow, who along with her husband Glen, own Split Rock Farms.

On Oct. 5 and 6, the public will be able to get a glimpse of the unique animals at the facility's "Farm Days," which they are hoping will entice more visitors.

In the past they have held open houses to introduce people to the animal, but this year they decided to scale it down and re-name it Farm Days.

"It'll be held in the barn, which we think will make it more intimate for the people who come," said Lynda.

She believes the alpaca is the most valuable animal because of the high quality fleece that it produces. Split Rock Farms is a non-kill farm, and they raise their 90 alpacas in a high quality environment.

The alpacas are sheered once a year for their fleece, which produces gloves, socks, outerwear, yarn, duvets, pillows and more.

"It's really terrific stuff. It's all allergy-free and wicks the moisture off quicker than what wool would. Alpaca also is more resistant to dirt."

Each female alpaca has one baby a year and has a lifespan of 20 to 25 years, their oldest is 17-years-old.

Aside from being highly useful animals, Lynda said they become a part of your family like any domesticated animal would.

"They're great animals. They have the personality of a cat - they come to you."

They are a herding animal and love their home at Split Rock Farms.

"You could never just have one alpaca. They're a social animal and would die from loneliness."

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Medical needs of alpacas is unfamiliar territory for some

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"We get very attached to them. We've raised them after we had a son, except last year, we started to change that to name them after alcoholic beverages," laughed Lynda.

She remembers all 90 of her Alpaca's names.

"They're born here and I'm with them from that point on, so I do remember each and every one of their names."

Even now and then they lose an animal and Lynda said that's something that is unavoidable and all they can do is prepare and deal with the loss.

It isn't just Glen and Lynda

who find themselves becoming attached to the alpacas, but the visitors do as well.

"We have people who come in and ask for us to make a product for them." Her husband adds, "They like the colour because they like the colour or fleece. We take great pride to see a product and know that it came from one of our farms."

Glen and Lynda got into the alpaca business unexpectedly. They previously owned a bed and breakfast in Ridgeway.

"We loved it, but we had a lot of unanswered questions."

They found themselves at the Erie County Fair where they saw an ad for an alpaca farm.

"We've always been big animal lovers, so we took a

visit to the farm and fell in love. We bought our first seven, and gave up the bed and breakfast."

The alpaca is a low maintenance animal, feeding on grass, homemade mixtures with vitamins, minerals and hay.

"We have some alpacas that love fruit, and others not so much. You usually have one in the bunch that likes to have an apple every so often."

Though the alpaca is the oldest livestock, there aren't a lot of people who have training dealing with their medical needs.

"We've educated ourselves about alpacas and have educated vets about them as well."

Farm days will take place Oct. 5 and 6, at Split Rock Farms, located at 1652 Ridge Rd. North in Ridgeway. It will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Aside from the Farm Days

people are able to come out and look at the farm, but Lynda said those are by appointment only.

Their store The Alpaca Habit will be open throughout the month of December

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Warts are a common viral skin infection caused by human papilloma viruses. In general warts on the hands and feet are harmless and most resolve on their own. However, they can cause embarrassment and some discomfort. There are a couple of over-the-counter (OTC) remedies that work well to treat these kinds of warts.

Infection with HPV occurs with skin-to-skin contact. Warts are caused by viruses and are passed from person to person. A common way of contracting the virus is by walking barefoot in public pools, showers etc.

About 30% of warts spontaneously in six months and 65% to 78% clear in two years without any treatment. However, most people would like to resolve warts more quickly than this. Salicylic acid is a first the OTC option. This medicine slowly destroys virus-infected skin and may stimulate the immune response of the person infected through mild irritation, which in turn helps clear the infection. There are a number of salicylic products available. They range in concentration from 17% to 40%. A 40% product should be used for plantar warts. The use of salicylic acid on facial warts is not recommended because of a potential risk of hypo- and hyperpigmentation (skin discolouration).

There is a bit of a regimen to follow with salicylic acid products. Before treatment the warts should be soaked in warm water for five minutes. Then, an emery board or pumice stone should be used to remove dead tissue. The salicylic acid treatment should then be applied. Treatment may need to be continued for up to 12 weeks. If the wart cause pain, patients can take acetaminophen or ibuprofen for the discomfort. Examples of OTC salicylic acid wart removal products include COMPOUND W, OR, SCHOLL'S CLEAR AWAY PLANTAR, and OJUFORM WART REMOVER.

Cryotherapy (freezing) is another common wort removal treatment. This causes irritation and tissue destruction so that the individual mounts an immune response against the virus. Coolers (lympho) use liquid nitrogen which freezes lesions to -196°C. There are also home cryotherapy systems available. These contain dimethyl ether and propane (DMEP), liquid nitrogen, and carbon dioxide. SCHOLL'S FREEZE AWAY WART REMOVER, OR,COMPOUND W FREEZE OFF. Evidence shows CMEP and liquid nitrogen are fairly similar in efficacy. After application of cryotherapy a blister is formed under the wart. The dead skin and wart falls off after about ten days and reveals newly formed skin underneath. It is recommended that OTC cryotherapy only be repeated three times usually in ten day intervals.

The use of duct tape as a wort treatment has gained popularity. By putting duct tape over the wort they think the virus is deprived of oxygen which causes irritation and stimulates the immune response to the virus. Topical administration involves applying silver duct tape over the wort and removing a week later. Scrubbing the area with an emery board and leaving it open over night. Then reapplying duct tape. Silver duct tape has been shown to be effective than clear duct tape, possibly because of the adhesive.

There are also a number of prescription products that can be used for warts if OTC treatments are ineffective. Patients with diabetes should consult their physician before beginning treatment for their warts. Also, genital warts must be treated by physicians and are not available for treatment with OTC methods.

In general OTC wort treatments are effective, however, it may take several weeks for the wort to be removed. For proper selection of a treatment method come in and speak to your pharmacist.

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Members of Fenian Raid after winning in the Niagara Music Awards' world music category.

Ridgeway band wins NMA

Melissa Mangelsen
Fort Erie Times

was one of the best," said Kevin Crone, bassist for Fenian Raid.

Fenian Raid, of Ridgeway, plays all original music, mostly written by Angus Butler, vocalist.

They describe themselves as a folk rock band with a kitchen party Celtic stomp from Ridgeway.

Their love for Canada and Canadian music is what inspires most of the music they write and perform.

"Angus writes music that's inspired by his own life and

being Canadians we write about the history - that's also why we named the band Fenian Raid.

"It's hard not to be influenced and inspired by legends like Gordon Lightfoot, Stan Rogers, Stampin' Tom Connors and the likes of more modern day Canadian heroes like Neil Young, Sam Roberts, Great Big Sea and the Hip," said Crone.

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Band likes to stay close to home and perform its music

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On their debut CD, called Acoustic Shadows, the third track called The Battle at Limestone Ridge (The Battle of Ridgeway) includes the words that the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto Company sang and marched into battle to stand for Canada in 1866.

Because band members, Crone, Butler, Frank

Devereaux (guitar/acordion/spoons) and Jason Cline (drums and percussion), all have jobs and families, the band focuses on playing local shows and festivals.

"We did a lot of festivals in Ontario this year, we're not a big touring band - we all like to stay pretty close to home," said Crone.

Fenian Raid will be playing at Sessions on the River, Oct. 5.

“It’s really quite an amazing event.”

— Kevin Crone

"It's really quite an amazing event," Crone said. It's very similar to the intimate and interactive show that used to be featured on Much Music.

"We play to a live audi-

ence and it's also streamed online. We play a couple of somas and then there's a question and answer period. We're really excited to do this," said Crone.

General admission is \$10

and with the purchase of a ticket you get Fenian Raid's CD Acoustic Shadows.

Doors for the show open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 9.

Sessions on the River is located at 133 Niagara Blvd. in Fort Erie.

After coming off the excitement of their win at the Niagara Music Awards, Crone said the bands focus will be much of the same. "We'll be doing a lot of

the same types of shows and festivals. We're already talking and thinking about our next album. The thing with releasing an album is that by the time it is released you're ready for your next one," laughed Crone.

"It's a great event to promote local talent, have fun, meet other artists in the area. Fenian Raid has nothing but gratitude to the Niagara Music Awards."

What kid doesn't love to swim, dance or play soccer, basketball, baseball or hockey? Not only are those activities fun, but research also shows that physical activity and access to sports for children leads to increased self esteem, strong leadership skills and improved school performance.

The reality is that one in three Canadian families can't afford to enrol their sons and daughters in sport and recreational programs. That's where Canadian Tire Jumpstart comes in. The national charitable program is making a real difference in the lives of young people from age 4 to 18.

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Jumpstart is unique in its ability to work in every community across Canada, with 332 local chapters built on the support from volunteers and caring citizens. These chapters work closely with more than 2,600 community partners to identify families with financial needs whose children would benefit from the programs.

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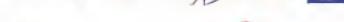
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Transport rollover on Gilmore Rd punctures fuel tanks, causes spill

Gilmore Rd. in Fort Erie was closed for almost two days after a truck, filled with 40,000 litres of heating oil, rolled over and caused extensive damage to the roadway near Petit Rd.

According to Niagara Regional Police, the tanker was turning right from Petit Rd. onto Gilmore Rd. near the Queen Elizabeth Way early Wednesday when it rolled onto its side.

Two of the five large fuel compartments in the tanker were punctured causing the oil to spill onto the roadway. "The truck was severely

damaged but we were able to contain approximately 30,000 litres of the oil," said Fort Erie Fire Chief Larry Coplen.

Of the 10,000 litres of oil that spilled onto the roadway, crews used catch basins and sand to absorb the liquid. Staff Sgt. Dave Hunter said crews from the Town of Fort Erie worked quickly to contain the spill.

"They acted very quickly and were able to stop it from spreading," Hunter said.

A second tanker truck was called in to pump the oil

from the overturned trailer. "Although all responding agencies were quick to react, a special thanks to the Fort Erie Public Works Department for their quick action in transporting sand to the area for containment," Const. Derek Watson added.

"The environmental impact would have been significantly greater if they had not taken action as soon as they did."

Representatives from the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Transportation were also on scene.



HARRY ROSETTANI Special to Fort Erie Times
A transport truck rolled onto its side on Gilmore Rd., and the QEW in Fort Erie last Wednesday morning.



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Calendar will appear monthly

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As well, an organic community garden was planted in the centre and there will be a display of fresh produce from the garden. This centre and the programs can only be accomplished through partnerships. There will be a kick-off celebration on Sat. Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School. In an effort to connect families, there will be a calendar in the Fort Erie Times once a month to show activities available through Fort Erie for our families. If you have any questions about the Fort Erie Family Centre please do not hesitate to contact Cordner at 905-714-9333.

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Mohawk College's Associate Dean of Aviation Bill Brimley, left, and Eurocopter Canada's President Romain Trapp.

Open house for Navy cadets on Friday

There will be an open house for the Navy League Cadet Corps Black Creek at the Black Creek Community Center, 2959 Baker Rd Stevensville from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. this Friday.

The program is designed for kids ages 9-13, and gives them the opportunity learn unique skills such as seamanship, first aid, citizenship, leadership, self discipline as well as travel to other cadet corps throughout the province to compete and build friendships.

The corps also promotes physical fitness and teamwork through camping, canoe trips, rock climbing and more.

There is a variety of musical instruments such as drums, trumpets, bugles, and glockenspiels that can be learned. With these, there is an opportunity to assemble a band and play during ceremonies and parades, and of course, for fun.

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McDonald's employee Karrie Wolbert, left, with Derek Smith from Durward Jones Barkwell working the drive-thru at last Wednesday's United Way kickoff.

Eurocopter donates to college

Matt Day
QMI Agency Niagara

Brand new, the amount of helicopter parts Mohawk College received from Eurocopter Canada would total more than a few hundred thousand dollars.

On Wednesday, the Fort Erie helicopter manufacturing plant announced they are donating two truck loads of parts including rotors, composite materials, antennas, blades, rivets and more.

Romain Trapp, Eurocopter's president and chief executive officer, said the parts are unfit to fly, but that doesn't mean the aviation maintenance students can't learn from them.

"This is a great opportunity for us to assist and develop future aviation professionals," he said.

Bill Brimley, associate dean for the aviation programs at Mohawk College, said the parts aren't broken or unusable, rather past their shelf life.

Some of the composite materials need to be kept refrigerated, he said, or used before a certain time.

"It's like getting a can of orange juice and drinking it a day after the expiry date. It's still good," he said.

The aircraft and avionics programs are relatively new to the college. The first graduating class was 2010.

Brimley said there is one Mohawk graduate working at Eurocopter Canada, but Trapp said he predicts there will be more in the future.

"At the end of the day we need experienced employees and this school is providing the support and training," Trapp said. "I think one of the things we will see in Canada is a lack of maintenance engineers, so it's very important we support it now and build for the future."

Brimley said the parts the school had before were dated and mostly made out of aluminum.

He said the industry is moving more to composite materials — like the ones used by the Gilmore Rd. plant — bringing new challenges to manufacturers and engineers.

"The aerospace industry is a hidden gem of an industry in Ontario," Brimley said. "By seeking out one another and calling us up ... we're building these new relationships."



The Fort Erie Meteors in action earlier this season.

Gaining yards



The Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School Blue Devils lost an exhibition game against St. Catharines Collegiate last Friday 6-1. The first regular season game is on the road against South Lincoln High School. Seen here is Jaxon Aquilina carrying the ball for a few yards.

Meteors get first win

The Fort Erie Meteors have their first win.

Despite blowing a three-goal lead in the third period, the Meteors scored twice in the shootout for a 4-3 victory over the Port Colborne Pirates.

Fort Erie is now 1-4-1 heading into Saturday's game against Thorold.

Mitchell Pearce, Aaron Wanat and Braden Kavaratzis scored for the Meteors in regulation to build a 3-0 lead after 40 minutes.

Port Colborne ensured itself at least one point when Brock Ackerman, Mack Steele

and Trevor Smith scored in less than four minutes to tie the game.

Meteors goalie Connor Visca was outstanding, making 41 saves. Port Colborne outshot Fort Erie 44-34.

Kavaratzis and Jesse Pereira scored for the Meteors in the shootout. Ackerman was the lone Pirate to beat Visca on three shootout attempts.

Fort Erie went 1-for-5 with the power play, while the Pirates went 0-for-6.

The Meteors will welcome the Thorold Blackhawks to the Leisureplex on Saturday for a 7:15 p.m. puck-drop.

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A new brand of hockey in Ridgeway

Kris Dubé
Editor

Fort Erie has always been a hockey town and a recently completed feature at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre proves this to be true.

Installed in March of this year, a state-of-the-art ball hockey and synthetic ice facility with an overall price tag of around \$250,000 is being considered a unique community asset by the people responsible for making it possible.

The co-ordinators of Ridgeway Hockey are offering several leagues for people of all skill levels and ages.

The boards and synthetic ice surface was previously owned by the NHL and used for promotional events by the Toronto Maple Leafs, New York Rangers and Winnipeg Jets.

The group was founded by Fran and Pat Mete, along with another local resident Phil Pike.

Pat Mete travelled to New York City to purchase the floor.

"They were really keen on selling it to us because we're a community centre," said Pat Mete last Friday when he gave a tour of the facility to the Fort Erie Times.

The transformation was completed with hundreds of hours put in by volunteers from the community.

The Ridgeway Lions Club rents the space to the organization at a very reduced rate.

Crystal Beach resident Josh Oort, who played division one hockey with Canisius College and also spent over 10 years in European leagues, has been recruited as an instructor for various clinics being offered.

Mete and the rest of the

organization are extremely thankful for everyone who has volunteered or pitched in somehow since getting started and making this project become a reality.

"None of this would have been possible without this group of people," said Mete.

He also said partnerships are being formed with Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey, who will take advantage of the facility during on-ice tournaments that glide into town in November and December, where every team participating will be given time on the synthetic surface.

"This is a true community initiative and we want to enhance hockey in the area," he said.



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Thomas Mete goes for a glide on the synthetic ice surface at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre last Friday.

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Obituaries



TRIDER, Ken Sadly on September 14, 2013, in Victoria, B.C., Kenny passed away at home at the age of 65. Sandy, Kenny's long-time love was by his side for the last 4 months; she was also his caregiver seeing him through the struggle with his deteriorating health. He's reunited with his Mom, Irene Lotina-Hayhurst, who passed away May 2011, and his sisters, Darlene Laroque (May 2012) and Margaret "Honey" Royer (March 2011). Predeceased by his fathers, Michael Lotina and Earl Trider. Kenny's survived by his daughter, Kristy Trider; sons, Matt, Cooper, Christopher Trider and Aaron Trider. Also surviving, his sisters Joanne (Jimmy) Newman, Susan (Larry) Duncan, Darlene Lotina and brother-in-law Roy Lotina. Kenny lived a free-spirited nomadic life doing what he wanted his own way. He'll be missed by all of his and Sandy's friends around Sombrio Beach, B.C. Cremation has taken place and a private interment will be at McAfee Cemetery in Fort Erie at a later date.



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Craitor putting health, family first

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In the press release, Craitor was quoted as saying, "While it is never a good time to leave, after 10 very productive and rewarding years, now I need to put my health and family first."

Calls to Craitor's cell phone and his home were not returned.

"We've been very pleased and honored to support Kim over the last number of years, but we can understand if he is feeling that it is his time to retire," said Gansel. "Everybody respects a person who wants to do what I'm sorry to lose him. He was an excellent MPP and certainly did a lot for Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort Erie for the last 10 years."

Gansel noted the provincial Liberal party will now be putting together a search committee and they will be working on finding a new candidate to run for the riding association.

Gansel said being an MPP can be quite taxing physically, but she hadn't heard if Craitor's decision to retire had anything to do with his previous health concerns.

Premier Kathleen Wynne on Tuesday thanked Craitor for his years of service.

"Today, Kim Craitor advised me of his resignation and that he is stepping down as the MPP for Niagara Falls,

effective immediately," she said.

"I thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavours."

A by-election will be called within the next six months.

Niagara Falls Coun. Carolyn Ioannoni is eying the now-vacant provincial post.

"I have often said that I wouldn't run against Kim," she said.

"We've been long-time friends, hence the reason I never ran. But, now that the seat's open, I'm looking to take a shot at it."

Craitor was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 2003, and has a long history of public service in his community.

Over the last 10 years, he has served as Parliamentary Assistant in various portfolios, including Community and Social Services, Energy and Infrastructure, Tourism and Culture, and Community Safety and Correctional Services.

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